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**REQUEST  
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CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Submission (to of 35 U.S.C. § 131, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
Filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPRA).

Application Number	09/477,278
Filing Date	January 4, 2000
First Named Inventor	Raymond Hsu et al.
Group Art Unit	2661
Examiner Name	Tri Phan
Attorney Docket Number	000090

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.124 (PTO/SB/302) instead of an RCE. It is eligible for the patent term extension provisions of the AIPA. See Changes in Application Examination and Preissuance Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50292 (Aug. 14, 2000); Invention Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14263 (Mar. 20, 2000), 123 O.G. Cir. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 14, 2000), which amended RCE practice.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on February 17, 2005
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)
- b. ☐ Other

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 which the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 17-0026
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(c) in the amount of \$790.00
- ii. ☒ Request for 1 month Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.117) in the amount of \$120.00
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2033 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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